the deposits. As far as oil resources are concerned, the informaton is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Closure of Kolar Gold Mines

880. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 867 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 1991 and to state :

(a) whether, in view of the recent recovery of a new Gold Mine in the KGM, Govt. of Karnataka has desired a fresh look on the viability of the Mines; and

(b) if so, what is Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) No new gold mine has been discovered in the Kolar Gold Fields area in the recent past and no reference has been made by the Govt. of Karantaka on this subject. Some unexploited shallow deposits in the existing mine area in K.G.F. came to light in 1988. Exploratory development work for establishing the magnitude of these reserves and their economic viability has been taken up.

देश में सोने का उत्पादन और निपटान

881. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले चार वर्षों के दौरान खानों की खुदाई से वर्षवार कितनी मात्रा में सोना प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) इस सोने का किस तरह प्रयोग किया गया ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान देश में कुल स्वर्ण उत्पादन इस प्रकार रहा है :—

(किलोग्राम में)

1987–88	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92
1862	2008	2156	2090	2039

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान अलग-अलग समय में इसके मूल्य उत्पादकों द्वारा सोने के निपटान की पद्धति विवरण में दी गई है ।

विवरण

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उत्पादक का नाम	जून, 1988 से पहले	जून 1988 के बाद पर जून, 1990 से पहले	जून, 1990 के बाद
1	2	3	4
मैसर्स भारत गोल्ड माइन्स लि०	भारत सरकार टकसाल, बम्बई के पास	लाइसेंसधारी व्यापारियों की मार्फत खुले बाजार में	खुले बाजार में

1	2	3	4
मैसर्स हट्टी गोल्ड माइन्स लि०	स्टेट बैंक आफ इण्डिया, बम्बई की मार्फत	स्टेट बैंक आफ इण्डिया, बम्बई की मार्फत	खुले बाजार में
मैसर्स हिन्दुस्तान कापर लि०	भारत सरकार टकसाल, बम्बई के पास	लाइसेंसधारी व्यापारियों की मार्फत खुले बाजार में	खुले बाजार में

नोट : स्वर्ण नियन्त्रण अधिनियम 6 जून, 1990 से समाप्त कर दिया गया था।

Approval to write off loans to IISCO

882. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet had approved to write off loans to IISCO for its modernisation programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision of the Cabinet is not being implemented; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The issue of writing off of loans to IISCO for its modernisation programme is still at the stage of discussion and no decision on the same has been taken.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Modernisation and Expansion of Steel Plants

883. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :
SMT. MIRA DAS :
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that modernisation and expansion programme of Steel Plants would result in improved efficiency;

(b) what is the efficiency levels today and is likely to be achieved at the end of 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) what is the product quality today and what would be the product quality at the end of the 8th Plan;

(d) what is the production level per worker today and is going to be achieved at the end of the 8th Plan;

(e) what are the prices of various categories of products of steel plants today and going to be at the end of the 8th Plan; and

(f) what are the international prices of various categories of Steel compared to that of our local prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.